

Vegetables and Nuts

CHILE: The 2008 New Mexico chile production increased to 60,140 tons, 23 percent above 2007. Both planted and harvested acreage increased slightly from 2007. Production increases were due mostly to farmers growing a larger overall percentage of higher yielding green varieties than the previous year. Production was limited by weather conditions and disease damage.

At the state level, yields were up for both paprika and long green mild from a year earlier, averaging 1.6 and 11.0 tons per acre, respectively.

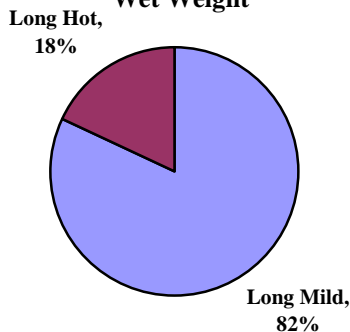
The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$42.3 million, 48 percent above the previous year. Increases in contract prices resulted in a higher production value.

2008 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
District 70	7,800	5,600	5,200	7,000	5,200	4,700	42,520	31,700	32,640
Hidalgo	2,200	700	700	1,900	600	700	6,450	2,850	4,500
Luna	4,600	4,000	3,700	4,200	3,700	3,300	32,300	25,150	23,220
Other Counties ^{1/}	1,400	1,200	800	1,300	1,200	700	4,970	4,100	4,920
District 90	7,100	6,100	7,100	6,400	5,500	6,400	29,680	16,900	27,500
Doña Ana	3,400	3,400	3,800	3,000	3,200	3,200	22,100	12,800	20,600
Other Counties	3,700	2,700	3,300	3,400	2,300	3,200	7,580	4,100	6,900
STATE	15,300	12,000	12,300	13,800	11,000	11,100	73,400	49,000	60,140

^{1/} District 10 & District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

Green Chile Production 2008
Wet Weight



Red Chile Production 2008
Wet Weight

